



COUNCIL

Minutes

for the meeting on

Tuesday, 28 July 2026

in the Council Chamber, Adelaide Town Hall

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Present – The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Presiding)

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Freeman, Maher, Martin, Dr Siebentritt and Snape

1 Acknowledgement of Country

At the opening of the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor stated:

‘The City of Adelaide acknowledges the Kaurna People of the Adelaide Plains as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today.

We acknowledge and honour their spiritual and cultural stewardship of this Country and recognise their deep and enduring relationship with its lands, waters, the sky, and all living things.

We pay our respects to Kaurna Elders past and present and recognise the important role of emerging leaders in sustaining and strengthening culture.’

2 Acknowledgement of Colonel William Light

The Lord Mayor stated:

‘The Council acknowledges the vision of Colonel William Light in determining the site for Adelaide and the design of the City with its six squares and surrounding belt of continuous Park Lands which is recognised on the National Heritage List as one of the greatest examples of Australia’s planning heritage.’

3 Prayer

The Lord Mayor stated:

‘We pray for wisdom, courage, empathy, understanding and guidance in the decisions that we make, whilst seeking and respecting the opinions of others.’

4 Pledge

The Lord Mayor stated:

‘May we in this meeting speak honestly, listen attentively, think clearly and decide wisely for the good governance of the City of Adelaide and the wellbeing of those we serve.’

5 Memorial Silence

The Lord Mayor asked all present stand in silence in memory of those who gave their lives in defence of their Country, at sea, on land and in the air.

6 Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apology:

Councillor Giles

7 Confirmation of Minutes - 14 July 2026

Moved by Councillor Snape,

Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14 July 2026, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

8 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon declared a general conflict of interest in Item 12.3 [Behavioural Standards Panel - Investigation Outcome] and Item 15.4 [Councillor Cabada - MoN - Unauthorised Disclosure of Confidential Report], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as one of the impacted Councillors mentioned in the Behavioural Standards Panel report, but that she would stay in the room, participate in the discussion and vote on the matter.

Councillor Snape declared a general conflict of interest in Item 12.3 [Behavioural Standards Panel - Investigation Outcome] and Item 15.4 [Councillor Cabada - MoN - Unauthorised Disclosure of Confidential Report], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as he is named in the report as targeted by former Councillor Davis, but that he would stay in the room, participate in the discussion and vote on the matter.

Councillor Siebentritt declared a general conflict of interest in Item 15.5 [Councillor Freeman - MoN - School Travel Safety Implementation Plan - Prioritisation], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as he has children that attend Adelaide High School and he is on the school Governing Council, but that he would stay in the room, participate in the discussion and vote on the matter.

Councillor Freeman declared a general conflict of interest in Item 11 [Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Review of Council Delegations], Item 12.2 [Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group], Item 15.1 [Councillor Cabada - MoN - Implementation of St Mary's College Traffic Safety Recommendations], 15.2 [Councillor Couros - MoN - Melbourne Street Revitalisation Grant] 15.5 [Councillor Freeman - MoN - School Travel Safety Implementation Plan - Prioritisation], pursuant to Section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as Items 11, 12.2, 15.1, 15.2 and 15.5 refer to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, which is her primary place of employment, and Item 15.5 as she is on the Adelaide Botanic High School Governing Council, but that she would stay in the room, participate in the discussion and vote on the matters.

9 Deputations

The Lord Mayor advised the meeting that she had received a deputation request from Steven Fisher that she had declined as he had addressed the Council on the issue previously.

9.1 Deputation - Ms Sarah Chambers, Principal, Adelaide Botanic High School - School Safety Implementation Program

Ms Sarah Chambers, Principal, Adelaide Botanic High School addressed the Council:

- To speak about the School Safety Implementation Program

The Lord Mayor thanked Ms Chambers for her deputation.

9.2 Deputation - Mrs Kate Bennett, Principal and Mr Ben Walters, North Adelaide Primary School - School Safety Implementation Plan

Mrs Kate Bennett, Principal and Mr Ben Walters, North Adelaide Primary School addressed the Council:

- To speak about the School safety implementation plan for North Adelaide Primary School
- To table information on the issue

The Lord Mayor thanked Mrs Bennett and Mr Walters for their deputation.

The information tabled can be found at the conclusion of the minutes of the meeting.

9.3 Deputation - Ms Natasa Parhas, Principal, Adelaide High School - School Safety Funding

Ms Natasa Parhas, Principal, Adelaide High School addressed the Council:

- To speak in support of School Safety Funding for Adelaide High School

The Lord Mayor thanked Ms Parhas for her deputation.

9.4 Deputation - Ms Gabrielle Leonello - Item 15.3 - Councillor Cababa - MoN - Austin Street and Renaissance Arcade Precinct

Ms Gabrielle Leonello addressed the Council:

- To speak in support of Item 15.3 - Councillor Cababa - MoN - Austin Street and Renaissance Arcade Precinct

The Lord Mayor thanked Ms Leonello for her deputation.

10 Petitions

Nil

The Lord Mayor sought leave of the meeting to bring forward Items 15.5 [Councillor Freeman - MoN - School Travel Safety Implementation Plan – Prioritisation] and 15.3 [Councillor Cabada - MoN - Austin Street and Renaissance Arcade Precinct] for consideration.

Leave was granted

15.5 Councillor Freeman - MoN - School Travel Safety Implementation Plan - Prioritisation

Moved by Councillor Freeman,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes that a School Travel Safety Implementation Plan workshop was presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on 21 July 2026, which included recommended priorities for safety improvements to be implemented commencing in FY2026/27.
2. Endorses, in principle, the priorities presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on 21 July 2026, including:
 - a. "Priority 1" as speed limit reductions and school zones for all schools, to be implemented commencing FY2026/27
 - b. "Priority 2" as pedestrian crossing upgrades for certain schools, to be implemented commencing FY2026/27 to FY2028/29
 - c. "Priority 3" as school street signs for all schools except University Senior College, with no implementation timeframe stipulated
 - d. "Priority 4" as priority new and upgrade projects for certain schools, with no implementation timeframe stipulated
 - e. Unfunded projects being all remaining projects not included in the above priorities
3. Requests the Administration to engage with each school to discuss the School Travel Safety Implementation Plan priorities, with particular consideration given to "Priority 4" and Unfunded projects and future opportunities for their funding and implementation.
4. Requests the Administration to present the School Travel Safety Implementation Plan back to a future Infrastructure and Public Works Committee, by Q2 2026/27, including:
 - a. The prioritisation criteria used to determine the recommended projects
 - b. Engagement feedback received from each school, together with the Administration's response of how this has informed the recommended priorities
 - c. Proposed project implementation timeframes and next steps
 - d. Committed and potential funding sources, including reprioritisation of funds within the FY2026/27 Business Plan and Budget quarterly reviews, future Business Plan and Budgets and matched funding from the State Government

- e. Opportunities for low-cost, quick-build and temporary infrastructure that may help to address safety concerns within budget constraints

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Freeman withdrew the motion.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Freeman,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes that a School Travel Safety Implementation Plan was presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on 18 November 2025 following the 2024 School Travel Safety Review, which Council noted on 25 November 2025 and requested be presented at a subsequent Infrastructure and Public Works Committee workshop.
2. Notes that a School Travel Safety Implementation Plan workshop was presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on 21 July 2026, which identified priority projects for FY2026/27 to FY2028/29 with recommended next steps, but did not specify timeframes nor set a meeting date for Council to consider recommendations.
3. Notes that the Administration have prioritised equitable implementation of reduced speed school zones across all schools in FY2026/27, which was identified as a shared priority within the 2024 School Travel Safety Review.
4. Requests the Administration to directly engage with each school to reprioritise capital works projects within the School Travel Safety Implementation Plan, to ensure alignment to current priorities, safety concerns and preferred improvements, while ensuring an equitable distribution of investment across all schools.
5. Requests the Administration to present a reprioritised program of School Travel Safety Implementation Plan capital works projects to a future Infrastructure and Public Works Committee, by Q2 2026/27, including:
 1. The prioritisation criteria used to determine the recommended projects
 2. Engagement feedback received from each school, including the Administration's response of how this informed the recommendations
 3. Proposed project implementation timeframes and next steps
 4. Committed and potential funding sources.

Discussion ensued, during which with the consent of the mover, seconder and the meeting Part 5.2 of the motion was varied to read as follows:

- '2. Engagement feedback received from each school, including the Administration's response of how this informed the recommendations and what options exist for the prioritisation criteria to further reflect this feedback.'

Amendment –

Moved by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Couros –

'That the motion be amended to read as follows:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes that a School Travel Safety Implementation Plan was presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on 18 November 2025 following the 2024 School Travel Safety Review, which Council noted on 25 November 2025 and requested be presented at a subsequent Infrastructure and Public Works Committee workshop.
2. Notes that the School Travel Safety Implementation Plan workshop presented to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee on 21 July 2026 identified priority projects for the 2026/27 to 2028/29 financial years, and that subsequent information provided on 27 July 2026 included preliminary Priority 1 costs and further clarification of the proposed staging of Priority 2; however, detailed project delivery timeframes and a date for Council to consider the updated program remain outstanding.

3. Notes that Administration has prioritised the equitable implementation of reduced-speed school zones across all schools in 2026/27, which was identified as a shared priority within the 2024 School Travel Safety Review.
4. Requests Administration to assess the school feedback against the existing objective, evidence-based and Safe System prioritisation framework, liaising with individual schools where clarification or further information is required, without delaying the delivery of Priorities 1, 2 and 3 as presented at the School Travel Safety Workshop 21 July 2026.
5. Requests Administration to present an updated School Travel Safety Implementation Plan capital works program to the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee by Quarter 3
 - a. the prioritisation criteria applied to outstanding measures;
 - b. consideration as to the feedback from each school and Administration's response;
6. Requests the Administration prepare a report on the feasibility of establishing, from the 2027/28 financial year, a recurring annual School Travel Safety capital funding commitment as part of the annual Business Plan & Budget process including external funding opportunities.'

Discussion ensued

The amendment was then put and lost

Amendment -

Moved Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh –

That part 3 of the motion be amended to read as follows:

- '3. Notes that the Administration have prioritised equitable implementation of reduced speed school zones, pedestrian crossing upgrades and school street signs across all schools in FY2026/27, which was identified as a shared priority within the 2024 School Travel Safety Review.'

Amendment carried

The motion, as amended, was then put and carried

15.3 Councillor Cabada - MoN - Austin Street and Renaissance Arcade Precinct

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Couros -

That Council:

1. Notes the Austin Street and Renaissance Arcade Precinct Resident Survey Report (Attachment A), a resident-initiated survey of the Realm Apartments community which received 78 valid responses and records strong and consistent resident concern about the safety, cleanliness, lighting, footpaths, presentation and level of activity of the precinct.
2. Requests the Administration to investigate the condition, safety, amenity and activation of Austin Street and the Renaissance Arcade precinct, in consultation with residents, businesses, property owners and other relevant stakeholders, and to undertake any immediate improvements available within existing budgets and delegations.
3. Requests that a report be presented to Council by the end of October 2026 setting out the findings of the investigation, any actions already taken, and options with indicative costs to improve the safety, amenity and activation of the precinct, including any matters requiring referral to external agencies, private property owners or future budget processes.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on the motion.

Division

For (8):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Freeman, Martin, Siebentritt and Snape

Against (1):

Councillor Maher

The division was declared in favour of the motion

11 Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee - 21 July 2026

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

11.1 Recommendation 1 - Item 7.1 - Council Member Behavioural Policy Review

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the interim review of the Council Member Behavioural Policy as at 30 June 2026 contained within this report on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026.

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Cabada left the Council Chamber at 7.52 pm and Recommendation 2 - Item 7.2 - Review of Council Delegations, was deferred until later in the meeting.

The motion was then put and carried

12 Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)

12.1 Resignation of Council Member

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,
Seconded by Councillor Abrahamzadeh -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives and notes this report.

Carried

12.2 Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group

Moved by Councillor Snape,
Seconded by Councillor Maher –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Terms of Reference for the Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group, as contained in Attachment A to Item 12.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of Council held on 28 July 2026.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to make any necessary typographical or syntactical amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group.

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Cabada re-entered the Council Chamber at 7.55 pm.

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt –

'That the motion be amended by the addition of a new part 1 to read as follows, with the remaining parts to be renumbered as 2 and 3:

1. Approves the establishment of an Eastern Park Lands Community Reference Group for a trial period of 12 months.'

Discussion ensued, during which Councillor Couros left the Council Chamber at 7.57 pm and re-entered at 7.59 pm.

In response to queries from Council Members, the following undertakings were given:

- To ensure the Terms of Reference are clear who is included in the membership.
- To seek collaboration with the Member for Adelaide's newly formed reference group.

The amendment was then put and carried

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Couros,
Seconded by Councillor Cabada –

That the matter be deferred to the next meeting of Council to be held on 11 August 2026.

Carried

12.3 Behavioural Standards Panel - Investigation Outcome

Moved by Councillor Maher,
Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt –

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Final Report, dated 22 July 2026 from the Behavioural Standards Panel as contained in Attachment A to Item 12.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2026.
2. Notes that the Behavioural Standards Panel is of the opinion that Mr Davis has committed serious misbehaviour, on three occasions, by engaging in the following acts:
 - 2.1. videoing and/or photographing three of his fellow Council members without their permission, and to continuing to do so despite being requested to stop;
 - 2.2. uploading this content onto social media, which included an image of the three Councillors and commentary that was accusatory in nature and publicly questioned the integrity of the Councillors; and
 - 2.3. sending an email, which copied in all the other Council members, questioning the Councillors' non-attendance at the special Council meeting and their integrity and commitment to their functions and duties.
3. Notes that the Behavioural Standards Panel has, in accordance with section 262W of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), made the following orders:
 - 3.1. That the Panel reprimand Cr Davis with a published statement about his behaviour (pursuant to section 262W(1)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.
 - 3.2. That Cr Davis be required to issue a public apology at an ordinary meeting of the Council, in the following manner as determined by the Panel (pursuant to section 262W(1)(c) of the Act)
 - 3.2.1. the apology must clearly acknowledge that it was wrong to -
 - 3.2.1.1. video and/or photograph his fellow Council members without their permission, and to continue to do so despite being requested to stop; o upload this content onto social media; and
 - 3.2.1.2. send an email, which copied in all the other Council members, questioning the Councillors' non-attendance at the special Council meeting and their integrity and commitment to their functions and duties; and
 - 3.2.1.3. that by doing so, he had breached his health and safety duty under section 75G(1)(a) of the Act as a Council member and committed

serious misbehaviour, on three occasions.

- 3.3. That Cr Davis be suspended from the office of member of the Council for a period of three months without an allowance, pursuant to section 262W(1)(g) of the Act.
4. Notes that on 22 July 2026, the Behavioural Standards Panel published a reprimand of Mr Davis under section 262W(1)(a) of the Act, as contained in Attachment B to Item 12.3 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2026, for failing to take reasonable care that his acts did not adversely affect the health and safety of other members of the Council, and thereby contravened section 75G(1)(a) of the Act.
5. Notes that the Panel requires the Lord Mayor to table the Final Report for consideration by the Council at a public meeting of the Council within two ordinary meetings following publication of the Final Report and reprimand.
6. Notes that the Lord Mayor will provide the Panel with written details of any actions taken by the Council in accordance with the Final Report.

Discussion ensued, during which:

- Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon gave a personal explanation regarding the Behavioural Standards Panel – Investigation.
- Councillor Snape gave a personal explanation regarding the Behavioural Standards Panel – Investigation.
- Councillor Cabada moved a formal motion that the motion be put, which lapsed for want of a seconder.

Undertaking - Behavioural Standards Panel - Investigation Outcome

In response to a query from Councillor Maher, the CEO gave an undertaking to seek advice on whether the Council is required to refer the matter to SACAT as Councillor Davis is no longer a Council Member.

The Lord Mayor sought leave of the meeting to continue the meeting past 8.30 pm until all items had been considered.

Leave was granted

The motion was then put and carried

12.4 Council representative on AEDA Board Selection Panel

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,
Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the appointment of an alternate Councillor and a proxy Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Member selection panel for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term.

Carried

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Freeman -

THAT COUNCIL

2. Notes that the method of appointing an alternate Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Member selection panel will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
 - 2.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is the subject of the nomination.
 - 2.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed as the alternate Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board selection panel.

- 2.3. In the event of only one nomination to the position, the candidate is appointed as the alternate Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board selection panel, announced by the Returning Officer.
- 2.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
- 2.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
- 2.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
- 2.7. Upon completion of the ballot process, the successful candidate is announced by the Returning Officer as appointed to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Member selection panel as the alternate Council Member.

Carried

The Lord Mayor called for nominees to the position of alternate Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Member selection panel.

Councillor Martin nominated Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Freeman nominated Councillor Cabada, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Snape nominated Councillor Maher, who accepted the nomination.

There being 3 nominees for 1 position, a ballot was conducted.

During the conducting of the ballot, the Lord Mayor returned to Item 11 – Recommendations of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 21 July 2026.

Recommendation 2 – Item 7.2 - Review of Council Delegations

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Siebentritt,

Seconded by Councillor Maher -

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Resolves to grant the delegation of powers and functions of the Council as provided for in the attached instrument of delegation (Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026).

Such powers may be further delegated by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 44 and 101 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) as the Chief Executive Officer sees fit, unless indicated herein or in the Schedule of conditions contained in each proposed Instrument of Delegation.

Road Traffic Act 1961 (SA) General Approval

2. Resolves to grant the sub-delegation of powers under the *Road Traffic Act 1961* (SA) as provided for in the attached instrument of delegation (Attachment C to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Finance and Governance Committee held on 21 July 2026)
3. Approves in accordance with the Instrument of General Approval and Delegation to Council (dated 22 August 2013) from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure (General Approval), the following person(s) pursuant to Clause A.7 of the General Approval to endorse Traffic Impact Statements for the purposes of Clause A of the General Approval provided that such person(s) shall take into account the matters specified in Clause A.7 of the General Approval in respect of Traffic Impact Statements:

- 3.1. Justine Austin

- 3.2. Penelope Bennett
- 3.3. Sean Howie
- 3.4. Amber Barnes
4. Approves, in accordance with Clause A.7 of the General Approval, that the Council is of the opinion that the following person(s) is/are experienced traffic engineering practitioner(s) for the purposes of preparing a Traffic Impact Statement as required by Clause A.7 of the General Approval:
 - 4.1. Justine Austin
 - 4.2. Jarrod Armitage
 - 4.3. Amber Barnes
 - 4.4. Penelope Bennett
 - 4.5. Christian Bias
 - 4.6. Sean Howie
 - 4.7. Darren Mitchell
 - 4.8. Amy Smith
5. Approves, in accordance with Clause A.7 of the General Approval, that the Council is of the opinion that the following person(s) is/are experienced traffic engineering practitioner(s) for the purposes of preparing a Traffic Impact Statement as required by Clause A.7 of the General Approval (Limited to the install, removal and maintenance of On-Street parking):
 - 6.1. Aaron Barnes
 - 6.2. Shaun Coulls
6. Approves In accordance with Clause E.2 of the General Approval, the Council is of the opinion that the following person(s) has (have) an appropriate level of knowledge and expertise in the preparation of Traffic Management Plans:
 - 6.1. Justine Austin
 - 6.2. Jarrod Armitage
 - 6.3. Amber Barnes
 - 6.4. Penelope Bennett
 - 6.5. Christian Bias
 - 6.6. Sean Howie
 - 6.7. Darren Mitchell
 - 6.8. Amy Smith

Discussion continued

The motion was then put and carried

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Martin,
Seconded by Councillor Cabada –

THAT COUNCIL

3. Notes the method of appointing a proxy Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Member selection panel will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Council Meeting Procedures as follows:
 - 3.1. The Presiding Member of the Meeting will call for nominations, which must be accepted or declined by the Council Member who is the subject of the nomination.
 - 3.2. The Chief Executive Officer as Returning Officer is authorised to declare the successful candidate appointed as the proxy Council Member to the Adelaide

Economic Development Agency Board selection panel.

- 3.3. In the event of only one nomination to the position, the candidate is appointed as the proxy Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board selection panel, announced by the Returning Officer.
- 3.4. In the event of there being more nominations than required, an election by voting ballot of Council Members present will be undertaken.
- 3.5. If the votes for two or more candidates for the relevant position are equal, a revote by ballot between tied candidates will be undertaken.
- 3.6. If the votes for two or more candidates for the position remain equal, lots must be drawn to determine which candidate or candidates will be excluded.
- 3.7. Upon completion of the ballot process, the successful candidate is announced by the Returning Officer as appointed as the proxy Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Member selection panel.

Carried

Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that the ballot had concluded resulting in Councillor Cabada being the successful candidate and therefore appointed to the position of alternate Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Member selection panel for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term.

The Lord Mayor called for nominees to the position of proxy Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Member selection panel.

Councillor Cabada nominated Councillor Maher, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Martin nominated Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon, who accepted the nomination.

Councillor Cabada nominated Councillor Freeman, who declined the nomination.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon withdrew her acceptance.

There being no further nominations, Mr Michael Sedgman, Returning Officer advised the meeting that Councillor Maher was appointed to the position of proxy Council Member to the Adelaide Economic Development Agency Board Member selection panel for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term.

13 Lord Mayor's Reports

The Lord Mayor addressed the meeting on the following:

- To thank Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon for Acting as Lord Mayor whilst she was on leave
- Resignation of former Councillor Henry Davis
- The work of the City of Adelaide staff

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Snape

That the report be received and noted.

Carried

14 Councillors' Reports

14.1 Reports from Council Members

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon addressed the meeting on the Adelaide Senior Citizens Support Program.

It was then -

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,
Seconded by Councillor Cabada -

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Council Member activities and functions attended on behalf of the Lord Mayor as contained in Attachment A to Item 14.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2026.
2. Notes the summary of meeting attendance by Council Members as contained in Attachment B to Item 14.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2026.
3. Notes that reports from Council Members tabled at the meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2026 will be included in the Minutes of the meeting.

Carried

Councillor Abrahamzadeh thanked and acknowledged Mr Stephen Zaluski, Associate Director Regulatory Services for his service to the City of Adelaide and wished him the best for the future.

Acclamation

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Abrahamzadeh,
Seconded by Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon -

That Council extends a motion of thanks to Stephen Zaluski.

Carried

15 Motions on Notice**15.1 Councillor Cabada - MoN - Implementation of St Mary's College Traffic Safety**

Councillor Cabada withdrew his motion from consideration.

15.2 Councillor Couros - MoN - Melbourne Street Revitalisation Grant

Moved by Councillor Couros,
Seconded by Councillor Martin -

That the Council:

Requests the Administration, in consultation with the Minister for Adelaide and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), to commence discussions regarding the allocation of the remaining Melbourne Street Revitalisation State Government grant funding to deliver a coordinated streetscape activation package, including:

1. The strategic installation of atmospheric feature lighting throughout Melbourne Street to create a distinctive identity, improve amenity and encourage increased visitation during both day and evening.
2. Enhancing the existing hanging basket program by selecting plant species that are fully established at the time of installation, provide maximum visual impact, and are suited to Adelaide's climatic conditions to ensure long-term performance.
3. The purchase and installation of high-quality Christmas decorations that can be reused annually, creating an enduring asset that supports seasonal activation and reduces future costs.
4. Any complementary streetscape improvements that support the objectives of the Melbourne Street Master Plan and maximise the economic activation and attractiveness of the precinct.

Discussion ensued

The motion was then put and carried unanimously

15.4 Councillor Cabada - MoN - Unauthorised Disclosure of Confidential Report

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Couros -

That Council:

1. Notes with serious concern the InDaily article of 20 July 2026 titled "Councillor quits Friday, now leaked report reveals shock findings", which published the contents of a confidential report that had not been publicly released.
2. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer investigate the unauthorised disclosure and report the outcome to Council, subject to any legal and confidentiality constraints.
3. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer review Council's arrangements for handling confidential information and report back to Council with any recommended improvements.

Discussion ensued

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon gave a personal explanation regarding the releasing of the confidential report.

Councillor Couros raised a Point of Order in relation to Councillor Maher speaking to the motion. The Lord Mayor ruled against the Point of Order.

With the consent of the mover and seconder, the Lord Mayor advised the meeting the motion would be taken in parts.

Part 1 of the motion was then put and carried

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on part 1 of the motion.

Division

For (8):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Freeman, Maher, Siebentritt and Snape

Against (1):

Councillor Martin

The division was declared in favour of part 1 of the motion

Part 2 of the motion was then put and carried

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on part 2 of the motion.

Division

For (5):

Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Maher and Siebentritt

Against (4):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Freeman, Martin and Snape

The division was declared in favour of part 2 of the motion

Part 3 of the motion was then put and carried

Councillor Couros requested that a division be taken on part 3 of the motion.

Division

For (7):

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon and Councillors Abrahamzadeh, Cabada, Couros, Maher, Siebentritt and Snape

Against (2):

Councillors Freeman and Martin

The division was declared in favour of part 3 of the motion

15.6 Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon - MoN - Strategic Partner Funding Agreements

Moved by Councillor Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Noon,
Seconded by Councillor Snape -

That Council:

1. Notes that a number of City of Adelaide and Adelaide Economic Development Agency Strategic Partners are supported through fixed three-year funding agreements.
2. Notes that there are long-standing organisations that provide ongoing strategic, cultural, economic, community or city-shaping value to the City of Adelaide, but are currently required to apply for Council funding on an annual basis.
3. Requests that the Administration provide a report to Council identifying:
 - current City of Adelaide and AEDA Strategic Partners that have fixed three-year funding agreements
 - organisations that currently receive or apply for annual Council funding on a more or less regular basis (for example the Australia Day Council)
 - the criteria used to determine an organisation's eligibility for a multi-year Strategic Partner funding agreement
 - organisations currently funded annually that may be suitable for a three-year funding agreement.
4. Requests that the report be presented to Council at the October 20, 2026 City Finance and Governance Committee meeting. and include options for eligible organisations to transition to three-year funding agreements during the 2026/27 financial year where this can be accommodated within existing approved budgets, and the governance, budget and reporting requirements that would apply to any proposed change from annual funding to a three-year funding agreement.

Discussion ensued

Amendment –

Moved by Councillor Freeman,
Seconded by Councillor Couros -

'That the motion be amended to read as follows:

That Council:

1. Notes that there are long-standing organisations that provide ongoing strategic, cultural, economic, community or city-shaping value to the City of Adelaide, but are currently required to apply for Council funding on an annual basis.
2. Requests that the Administration provide a report to Council identifying:
 - current City of Adelaide and AEDA Strategic Partners that have fixed three-year funding agreements
 - organisations that currently receive or apply for annual Council funding on a more or less regular basis (for example the Australia Day Council)
 - the criteria used to determine an organisation's eligibility for a multi-year Strategic Partner funding agreement
 - organisations currently funded annually that may be suitable for a three-year funding agreement.
3. Requests that the report be presented to Council at the October 20, 2026 City Finance and Governance Committee meeting.'

Amendment carried

The motion, as amended, carried

16 Motions without Notice

Nil

17 Questions on Notice**17.1 Councillor Freeman - QoN - Bike Boxes****17.2 Councillor Maher - QoN - Regarding trees in the North Adelaide Public Golf Course project site****17.3 Councillor Couros - QoN - Employee Costs 2026/27 Budget****17.4 Councillor Couros - QoN - External Consultants / Professional Services****17.5 Councillor Couros - QoN - Operational Efficiency****17.6 Councillor Couros - QoN - Confidential Investigation Report****17.7 Councillor Martin - QoN - Parking in the City of Adelaide****17.8 Councillor Martin - QoN - City Growth**

The Questions and Replies having been distributed and published prior to the meeting were taken as read.

The Replies for Item 17.1 – 17.8, are attached for reference at the end of the minutes of the meeting.

18 Questions without Notice

Discussion ensued

Undertaking – In relation to Item 17.2 – Councillor Maher – QoN – Regarding Trees in the North Adelaide Public Golf Course project site

In response to queries from Councillor Maher, the CEO gave the following undertakings:

- To provide Council Members with information on if the Forestree data goes to Assetic weekly, how often does Assetic go to the Urban Tree Map?
- Is it possible to have the Urban Tree Map 100% accurate at a point in time and report that time on the map?

19 Exclusion of the Public

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 20

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (b) & (d) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council dated 28 July 2026 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 20 [Report of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 21 July 2026] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item is commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to identify the proponent and to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting business and prejudice the commercial position of the council, with the potential to confer a commercial advantage to a third party competitor of a person with whom the council is conducting business.

Public Interest

The Committee is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of this information may result in release of information prior to the finalisation of 'commercial in confidence' negotiation with the proponent and because the disclosure of Council's commercial position may severely prejudice Council's ability to discuss/participate or influence a proposal for the benefit of the Council and the community in this matter and in

relation to other contract negotiations.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 28 July 2026 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 20 [Report of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 21 July 2026] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3)(b) & (d) of the Act.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Cabada,
Seconded by Councillor Maher -

ORDER TO EXCLUDE FOR ITEM 21.1

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (a) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council dated 28 July 2026 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 21.1 [Appointment of Audit and Risk Committee Presiding Member] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

Grounds and Basis

This Item contains confidential information that must be considered in confidence to protect the nominee's personal affairs. Public discussion and disclosure of information in this report prior to a resolution being determined by Council may potentially implicate the nominee's reputation in the business community.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) (the Act), this meeting of the Council dated 28 July 2026 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 21.1 [Appointment of Audit and Risk Committee Presiding Member] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3)(a) of the Act.

Carried

Members of the public and corporation staff not involved with Items 20 and 21.1 left the Council Chamber at 9.23 pm.

- 20 Confidential Report of the City Finance and Governance Committee - 21 July 2026 [S90(3) (b), (d)]**
- 20.1 Item 10.1 - Delegation to Award Variation to Contract (Torrens Weir Gate Refurbishment) [S90(3) (b), (d)]**
- 21 Confidential Reports for Council (Chief Executive Officer's Reports)**
- 21.1 Appointment of Audit and Risk Committee Presiding Member [S90(3) (a)]**

The meeting reopened to the public at 9.24 pm.

Item 20 - Confidential Report of the City Finance and Governance Committee - 21 July 2026 [s 90(3) [(b), (d)]]

Confidentiality Order

Orders that, in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 20 [Confidential Report of the City Finance and Governance Committee – 21 July 2026 - Delegation to Award Variation to Contract (Torrens Weir Gate Refurbishment)] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2026 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (b) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA),

1. The resolution, the report, the discussion, and any other associated information submitted to this meeting and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until 31 December 2032.
2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2027.
3. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

Item 21.1 - Appointment of Audit and Risk Committee Presiding Member [s 90(3) [(a)]]

Confidentiality Order

Authorises that, in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) and because Item 20.1 [Appointment of Audit and Risk Committee Presiding Member] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2026 in full was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3) (a) unreasonable disclosure of personal affairs of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), this meeting of the Council do order that:

1. The resolution become public information and included in the Minutes of the meeting.
2. The report, discussion and any other associated information submitted to this meeting and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until 31 October 2026.
3. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2026.

Closure

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm

Dr Jane Lomax-Smith
Lord Mayor

Date of confirmation:

Documents Attached:

Item 9.2 - Deputation - Mrs Kate Bennett, Principal and Mr Ben Walters, North Adelaide Primary School - School Safety Implementation Plan, Tabled Information

Item 17.1 – 17.8 - Question on Notice Replies – Distributed Separately



SAFER STREETS. SAFER STUDENTS.

— Our Children, Our Community, Our Priority. —

North Adelaide Primary School is seeking Council's support for critical safety upgrades to Tynte Street and Gover Street.

! THE ISSUES WE FACE



Crossings on Tynte and Gover Streets are not visible enough.

Drivers often don't realise they are entering a school zone or crosswalk, creating serious risks for our students and families.



No 'Kiss and Drop' zone on Tynte Street.

This leads to double parking and forces students to cross Tynte Street as parents park opposite the school during busy times.



Speeding and lack of clear school zone awareness.

Without appropriate signage and speed limits, drivers are not alerted to slow down during school hours.

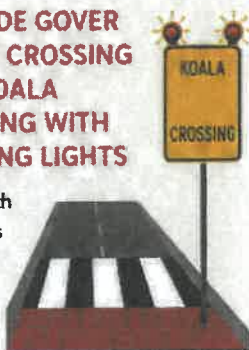


✓ OUR PROPOSED SOLUTIONS – TOP PRIORITIES

1

UPGRADE GOVER STREET CROSSING TO A KOALA CROSSING WITH FLASHING LIGHTS

A raised platform with visible road markings slows traffic and makes pedestrian activity more visible and safe.



2

RAISED PLATFORMS & VISIBLE ROAD MARKINGS ON TYNTE STREET

These will slow traffic and significantly improve pedestrian safety.



3

25KM/H SPEED LIMITS & APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE DURING SCHOOL HOURS



Ensures drivers are alerted and adjust their speed to keep our children safe.

4

CLEAR SIGNS HIGHLIGHTING SCHOOL ZONE ENTRY

Signs that clearly tell motorists they are entering a school zone and need to be extra cautious.



5

DEDICATED 'KISS AND DROP' ZONE ON TYNTE STREET

Allows families to safely drop students off without crossing the street and helps streamline traffic during peak times.



6

USE UNUSED ROAD AREA IN FRONT OF THE FIRE STATION



Designated as a temporary drop-off and pick-up zone during key times:
8:15 – 9:15 AM
2:45 – 3:30 PM



THE BENEFIT TO OUR COMMUNITY

These improvements will reduce the risk of accidents, ensure safer passage for children, and ease traffic congestion during drop-off and pick-up times.



Councillor Freeman - QoN - Bike Boxes

Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Eleanor Freeman

Public

Contact Officer:
Tom McCready, Director City
Infrastructure

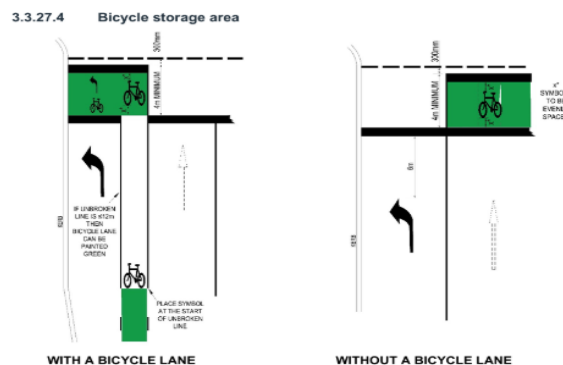
QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Eleanor Freeman will ask the following Question on Notice:

1. What is the City of Adelaide's current strategy for installing bike boxes at intersections?
2. What criteria is assessed to warrant the installation of bike boxes at intersections?
3. During asset renewal of intersections, is the potential for bike boxes routinely assessed?
4. How many bike boxes are installed within the City of Adelaide at present?
5. How many bike boxes are planned to be installed within the City of Adelaide in FY2026/27?

REPLY

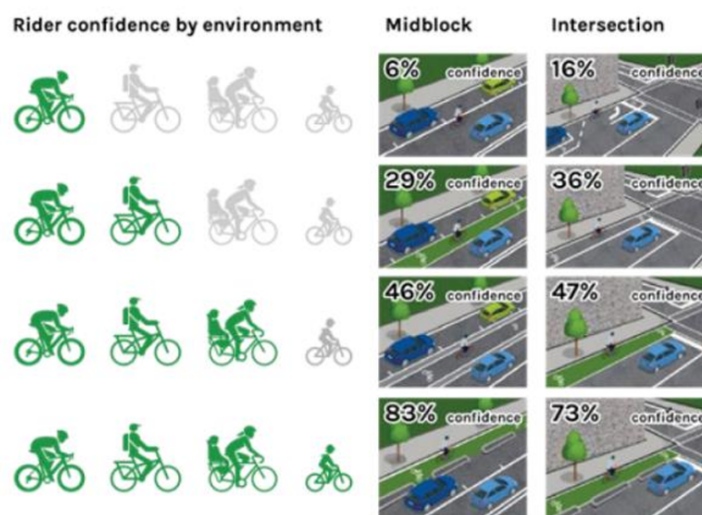
1. Bike boxes (also known as advanced stop lines or bicycle storage areas) are a type of road pavement marking installed at signalised intersections that provide on-road cyclists/micromobility users the opportunity to get in front of vehicles queued at the intersection providing improved visibility, a head start and be further away from motorised vehicle exhaust fumes.



Layout of bike boxes from the DIT Pavement Marking Manual

2. The Integrated Transport Strategy under Goal 1.4: Better travel choices for a more liveable city (implement effective interventions that favour active travel and public transport) identifies Intersection upgrades and other traffic calming measures on active travel routes as a Key Project and Service.

3. In regard to upgrades to intersections to provide bike boxes, the City of Adelaide [Infrastructure Design Guidelines](#) (section 4.12 – Bicycle lanes) include the following, “Protected kerbside bicycle lanes with protected intersection treatments are preferred. Bicycle boxes should be considered a treatment of ‘last resort’. Bicycle hook turn treatments may be provided as a staged conversion to protected intersections treatments.”
4. The preference for protected intersection treatments over a bike box reflects the Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) Cycling Discussion Paper and the importance of creating safer intersections as many people are ‘interested but concerned’ in cycling and have low levels of confidence with paint only cycling treatments (including bike boxes), whereas confidence in protected kerbside bicycle lanes with protected intersection treatments is significantly higher.



Rider confidence by environment

5. Whilst the preferred outcome is to create a protected intersection, in the case that the project budget or scope cannot include this type of facility and the intersection is signalised, bike boxes are considered as a secondary option both for renewal and new and upgrade projects such as Main Street Revitalisation projects. The potential to install bike boxes is subject to the scope of the project and existing infrastructure including the intersection layout and traffic signals and signal phasing.
6. Bike boxes are not an asset recorded within the CoA assets database as they are classified as line marking and as such this information cannot be readily obtained. As part of the ITS action to review intersection safety and prioritise intersection improvements, this information will be collected (spatially).
7. The Administration, as noted under point 3 of this response, is not proposing a significant increase in bike boxes during the 2026/27 financial year, as they are proposed as a secondary option. However the Administration advises that bike boxes are proposed at each end of Gouger Street as part of the Gouger Street Main Street Revitalisation Project and are under consideration as part of other Mainstreet projects.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.
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Councillor Maher - QoN - Regarding trees in the North Adelaide Public Golf Course project site

Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Patrick Maher

Public

Contact Officer:
Tom McCready, Director City
Infrastructure

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Patrick Maher will ask the following Question on Notice:

- '1. Did the state request any CoA tree data to inform their widely reported 'over 9000' number of trees in the project site?
2. What were the figures and data we provided to the state?
3. Did the state indicate to CoA that they would undertake their own physical survey of trees?
4. Are we aware of any physical or manual tree survey being undertaken by the state?
5. Overlaying the recent tree removal map against our tree data, what is the total number of trees removed against the total number of trees remaining?
6. Of the trees removed and likely to be removed, what quantum and proportion are:
 - A) Significant or Regulated, vs smaller in size
 - B) Native species, vs non-natives, introduced or invasive
7. What definitions are CoA using for significant, regulated, native, and invasive trees?
8. What is City of Adelaide's definition of a tree?
9. How and when was the current Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy (APLMS) tree data sourced?
10. How is the public Urban Forest ArcGIS tree data sourced? Is this a progressive count (i.e. a work in progress), or is this currently considered to be fully accurate by CoA?
11. How are trees recorded in Assetic?
12. Does our Assetic record for trees include any economic information (i.e. the value of any specific tree)? If so, what is the economic cost of tree removed for the NAPGC project?
13. Does our tree data match across platforms (including Assetic, ArcGIS, APLMS, and any other park lands management systems or documents)?'

REPLY

1. Following the announcement of the North Adelaide Public Golf Course, Council was requested to provide a range of information pertaining to the North Adelaide Golf Course land and buildings.

2. The State Government requested information in March / April 2025 relating to trees within the Golf Course. Data was provided by way of a general overlay extracted from the City of Adelaide (CoA) internal spatial platform and can be viewed at [Link 1](#) and [Link 2](#). It is important to note that the data provided does not align with the Project Site as this had not been defined at the time, but rather to Possum Park / Pirltawardli (Park 1) with a 50-metre buffer.
3. The State Government indicated that they would assess the data and information provided. CoA is not aware of any physical or manual surveys that have been undertaken by the State Government as Council was not party to any processes that followed.
4. The CoA has not been provided with a tree removal map by the State Government and therefore cannot undertake an assessment of the total number of trees removed against the total number of trees remaining.
5. The CoA does not have information pertaining to the trees removed by the State Government and therefore is not able to advise on the quantum and proportion of trees removed that are significant, regulated or smaller in size or native or non-native, introduced or invasive.
6. The CoA applies the legislative definitions for significant, regulated, native, and invasive trees as outlined below:
 - 6.1. Significant and Regulated trees: *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and *Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) Regulations 2017* (applied by local councils and the State Planning Commission through the planning system).
 - 6.2. Native trees: *Native Vegetation Act 1991* and *Native Vegetation Regulations 2017* (applied by Native Vegetation Council and the Department for Environment and Water (DEW))
 - 6.3. Invasive trees (declared pest plants): *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (applied by Regional Landscape Boards and Green Adelaide).
 - 6.4. Roadside native vegetation: *Native Vegetation Act 1991* (SA) and the Roadside Vegetation Management Plan (applied by road authorities and the Native Vegetation Council).
 - 6.5. Heritage trees (where applicable): *Heritage Places Act 1993* (SA) or local heritage overlays in planning instruments (applied by Heritage South Australia and local councils).
7. The CoA Tree Management Policy and Tree Operating Guideline define a tree as a “mature long-lived woody perennial plant greater than 3 metres in height that has one or relatively few stems or trunks.”
8. Tree data (canopy and individual tree count) for the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy – Towards 2036 was sourced from The City of Adelaide - Green Infrastructure Benchmark Data and Mapping Project (October 2022). As part of benchmarking data, Grace Detailed-GIS Services (GraceGIS) used LiDAR height data model and visual interpretation of aerial photos.
9. Council uses a number of systems to manage and record tree data. Data for ArcGIS’ online based system Urban Tree map is sourced from the same data that is held in the Assetic system, but it is produced by a manual extraction process, and so is only likely to be a 100% match with the Assetic system during a very small window after the data is extracted.
10. Trees in the Assetic system are recorded through physical inspection and input into our tree management system Forestree. We then synchronise the data into our Asset Management System - Assetic.
11. The CoA currently only assigns a monetary value to trees planted during works projects. Currently this is a total of 295 trees. However, investigations are underway into the feasibility of assigning a monetary value to all public trees. This would improve our understanding of the urban forest as a strategic asset, support investment decisions, strengthen business cases and provide a more comprehensive picture of the value our trees deliver to the community.
12. Forestree data is used to populate Assetic and is updated on a weekly basis. The Administration is working on a project to ensure a single dataset is used for all presentations of the data. Historical data such as the APLMS (56,022 trees) used older datasets which have been updated in the last two years.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 9.5 hours.
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- END OF REPORT -

Councillor Couros - QoN - Employee Costs 2026/27 Budget

Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

- '1. The adopted 2026/27 Budget includes an increase in employee costs compared with the 2025/26 Budget. Please provide a detailed breakdown of this increase, including:
 - o the value attributable to Enterprise Agreement salary increases;
 - o the value attributable to additional FTE positions;
 - o the number and cost of new permanent positions;
 - o the number and cost of new fixed-term positions;
 - o the cost of position reclassifications or upgrades;
 - o increases in superannuation, workers compensation and other employment on-costs; and
 - o any other factors contributing to the increase.
2. Please provide the budgeted total FTE for each of the financial years:
 - o 2024/25;
 - o 2025/26; and
 - o 2026/27.
3. Please identify each new position funded in the 2026/27 Budget, separated by and including:
 - o each portfolio;
 - o the position title;
 - o whether the position is permanent or fixed-term; and
4. What savings, if any, are expected to be achieved through vacancies, restructures or other workforce efficiencies during 2026/27.'

REPLY

1. This information has previously been provided and discussed on a number of occasions, most recently:
 - 1.1. Council workshops held in the development of the 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget.

- 1.2. Confidential CEO Briefing 28 April 2026
- 1.3. E-news dated 23 June 2026.
2. The information requested is recapped below:
 - 2.1. Value of Enterprise Agreement salary increases – \$4.785m
 - 2.2. Value of reclassification of roles - \$0.382m
 - 2.3. Value of additional FTE positions in 2026/27 on previous year (inc. casuals) – \$1.260 million (permanent and fixed-term), \$0.120 million (casuals)
 - 2.4. New permanent positions in 2026/27 on previous year – 20
 - 2.5. New fixed term positions in 2026/27 on previous year – 2
 - 2.6. The dollar values above include employee 2026/27 on-costs (superannuation, workers compensation etc.) of 19.5% which is not substantially different from the previous year.
3. Budgeted total FTE for 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 are reported in the Business Plan and Budget and quarterly reviews for each of those years, but are recapped below:
 - 3.1. Total budgeted FTE 2024/25 – 761.0
 - 3.2. Total budgeted FTE 2025/26 – 768.1
 - 3.3. Total budgeted FTE 2026/27 – 790.1
4. New positions funded in the 2026/27 Budget are outlined in the 2026/27 Business Plan and Budget, but are recapped below:

Portfolio	Position	Position Status	FTE
City Community	Customer service reps - delivery and administration of parking compliance	Permanent	4
City Infrastructure	On-street parking Support Coordinator	Permanent	1
City Infrastructure	Senior Transport Engineer	Permanent	1
City Infrastructure	Conversion of Casual UPark attendant	Permanent	1
City Infrastructure	Support Officer - on-street parking improvements	Permanent	1
City Infrastructure	Customer service rep (Golf)	Permanent	7*
City Shaping	Rapid Response Team Member	Permanent	1
Corporate Services	Public Safety & Emergency Operations Officer	Permanent	1
Corporate Services	People Data and Systems Administrator	Permanent	1
Corporate Services	AEDA Data and Insights Analyst	Permanent	1
Corporate Services	Facilities Manager - ACMA Market Expansion	Permanent	1
City Shaping	Signage installer	Fixed Term	2
		Total	22

* Positions converted from casual to permanent but already part of the cost base (ie no additional cost).

5. Savings expected during 2026/27 are summarised below:
 - 5.1. Vacancy management target - \$3.500 million. A vacancy management target of roughly this amount is budgeted each year.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 7.5 hours.
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- END OF REPORT -

Councillor Couros - QoN - External Consultants / Professional Services

Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'In relation to the response to Agenda Item 19.4 – Question on Notice: External Consultants, considered by Council on 14 July 2026, can the Administration provide a detailed breakdown of the expenditure identified in that response, including the following information:

1. For each item listed under each portfolio (City Community, City Infrastructure, City Shaping, Corporate Services, Office of the Chief Executive and Capital), the value of the expenditure attributable to each individual project, program, activity, or engagement referred to in the response.
2. The name of each external consultant, contractor or professional service provider engaged to undertake each project, program, activity, or engagement.
3. For each engagement, the procurement method used, whether it was:
 - o an open tender.
 - o a panel arrangement.
 - o a quotation process.
 - o a direct appointment; or
 - o another procurement method (with details provided).
4. In relation to the \$12,363,065 Capital Professional Services expenditure, provide:
 - a. the amount spent on each capital project.
 - b. the amount spent on the Main Street Revitalisation Program.
 - c. a breakdown of expenditure by each street or precinct within the Main Street Revitalisation Program (including, but not limited to, Hutt Street, O'Connell Street, Melbourne Street, Gouger Street and Hindley Street, where applicable); and
 - d. the consultant or professional service provider engaged for each project together with the amount paid.'

REPLY

1. As Presiding Member, I have determined that the question is improper and will not be answered.

2. This determination has been made on the basis that the level of specificity and detail required to provide a response is excessive and would necessitate a significant body of work. In accordance with the principle that questions must not impede the conduct of the meeting or unreasonably divert Council resources, the question is considered improper.
3. In reaching this determination, I have had regard to the response provided to Council on 14 July 2026, which further explains the basis upon which the question has been deemed improper. For completeness, that response is reproduced below:
 - 3.1. *“Professional services activity has been broken down by portfolio. Because the quantity and diversity of the professional services activities would require a significant body of work to create a complete list, an indicative summary of activities (purpose of the engagement) has been included.*
 - 3.2. *The breakdown requested of individual services providers engaged during the period has not been provided, as these are matters of commercial confidentiality. The providers would each need to be consulted and approve release of details in relation to their engagement.”*

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.
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- END OF REPORT -

Councillor Couros - QoN - Operational Efficiency

Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Can Administration advise:

- Whether a structured operational efficiency review has been undertaken within the past three years?
- What operational efficiencies or ongoing savings have been identified, recommended, or implemented during this term of council?
- If not, is a review currently underway, to identify opportunities to reduce Council's ongoing operating expenditure without reducing services?
- If so, what is the scope and methodology of the review?
- What further opportunities for operational efficiencies have been identified but are yet to be implemented?
- Whether the Administration has established a target for reducing ongoing operating expenditure over the next three financial years and, if so, what that target is?
- When the findings of the review will be reported to the Council?'

REPLY

1. A "structured operational efficiency review" has not been undertaken in the past three years.
2. However there is a continuous review of operational efficiency through business as usual activities such as the annual business plan and budget process, quarterly budget review, and through procurement and project management. For example in the past 12 months or so, efficiency reviews to identify potential savings have been conducted around fines enforcement and recovery, fleet management, and cleansing services (Cleansing Pilot Update: efficiencies reported to Council 25 November 2025, and being rolled out across the City in two phases during 2025/26 and 2026/27).
3. In addition, major projects such as the workforce management framework have led to system changes and substantial efficiencies (reported to Council at each project milestone). The roll out of the Salesforce CRM over the coming year is expected to realise further substantial efficiencies which will be monitored and reported to Council.
4. As has been noted on several previous occasions (most recently in the Budget workshop held 7 February 2026) Council has been informed of \$8.943 million of savings identified and implemented through operational efficiencies and ongoing savings in the current term of Council (\$0.408m in 2023/24, \$7.717m in 2024/25, and \$0.808m in 2025/26) and \$38.493m total savings identified and implemented in the past six years.

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5. On 9 June 2026 Council resolved in part *“that Council commission an Independent Productivity, Expenditure and Efficiency Review of Council’s operations to identify any efficiencies, cost savings, reprioritisation opportunities and revenue opportunities that can be achieved without reducing critical services.”*
6. The scope of the proposed Review is currently being finalised by Council Administration, in advance of a competitive tender process to identify a suitably qualified independent consultant, with whom an appropriate methodology will be developed.
7. As indicated above, quarterly budget review processes, and ongoing procurement and project management are the mechanisms by which efficiencies and savings are routinely identified and implemented. These are reported to Council via established reporting mechanisms. In addition, as noted above program and service level reviews and initiatives yield savings as part of continuous improvement activity.
8. No specified target for reducing ongoing operating expenditure has been set for the next three financial years. The Review discussed above may set parameters to frame potential savings targets.
9. It is expected the Review discussed above will be finalised in time to inform the development of the 2027/28 Business Plan and Budget and be reported to Council immediately thereafter.

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Councillor Couros - QoN - Confidential Investigation Report

Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

‘InDaily’s article of 20 July 2026 refers to the contents of a leaked investigation report that has not been presented to Council.

Given the confidential nature of such reports, can the Chief Executive Officer advise:

- 1. What steps have been taken to determine how this confidential report was leaked?
- 2. Whether the CEO will initiate a formal investigation into the unauthorised disclosure, and if not, why not?
- 3. What process will be followed to investigate the leak, including whether an independent investigator will be appointed?
- 4. How and when Council Members will be informed of the outcome of any investigation, noting any legal or confidentiality constraints?
- 5. What additional measures will be implemented to strengthen the security and confidentiality of sensitive Council information and prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future?’

REPLY

- 1. Responsibility for enforcing any confidentiality requirements associated with the report rests with the Behavioural Standards Panel, as the owner and distributor of the document.
- 2. It is noted that Council will separately consider a proposed Motion on Notice from Councillor Cabada relating to this matter.
- 3. Should Council resolve to proceed with the actions proposed in that Motion on Notice, the Administration will give effect to the resolution in accordance with its terms.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.

Councillor Martin - QoN - Parking in the City of Adelaide

Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Tom McCready, Director City
Infrastructure

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Having regard to the statistics provided at this time in 2025, could the Administration advise;

1. The number of on street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide as at January 1st, 2023
2. The number of on street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide on the most recent date for which information is available
3. The instances and reasons for any variation in the numbers at 1 and 2 above
4. The amount of parking provided by Council in support of events and activities on Park Lands bordering the CBD
5. The number of off-street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide as at January 1st, 2023
6. The number of off-street parking spaces in the City and North Adelaide on the most recent date for which information is available
7. The instances and reasons for any variation in the numbers at 5 and 6
8. The number and location of increases to on street and off-street parking in the City and North Adelaide known to be planned in the financial year 26/27
9. The ranking by per capita or per vehicle availability of parking and the cost of parking in the City of Adelaide against other capital cities?

REPLY

1. There were approximately 18,548 on-street parking spaces (excluding bicycle, bus and no-stopping areas, etc) in the City and North Adelaide as of 1 January 2023.
2. There are approximately 18,822 on-street parking spaces (excluding bicycle, bus and no-stopping areas) in the City and North Adelaide as of 10 July 2026.

Control Type	Number of Zones	Number of Spaces
Area Parking	59	2380
Area Ticket	2	39
Disabled	117	185
Loading	594	1064
Motorcycle	185	1125
Parking	1916	8706
Permit	113	520
Residential	88	176
Taxi	29	90
Ticket	307	2647
Unrestricted	281	1887
Visitor	2	3
Totals	3693	18822

Note: Where multiple parking controls apply to a parking space, the tables show the space under only the primary parking control that applies

3. The increase is primarily related to the new City of Adelaide UParks at Sturt Street, Flinders Street and Russell Street, all of which are open lot and are managed as on-street parking zones with ticket machine technology. On-street car parking spaces change for a myriad of other reasons, namely:
 - 3.1. Change in control zones (loading zones etc. to accommodate business needs).
 - 3.2. Construction works causing the temporary removal of parking spaces.
 - 3.3. Increased demand for residential parking permits.
 - 3.4. Changes to parking conditions subject to works associated with street upgrades and greening.
 - 3.5. Changes to driveway locations for new developments.
4. There are approximately 2,300 car parks in the Park Lands which support activities including sports e.g. netball, cricket, soccer, Adelaide Bowling Club and Adelaide Pavillion on a year-round basis many of which have timed parking controls. Apart from providing annual parking for approximately 2,270 vehicles to support the Royal Adelaide Show, further Park Lands parking to support specific events is subject to the number of events that may apply for and be granted associated parking and weather conditions at the time of the event.
5. There were approximately 34,801 commercial off-street car parks within the City and North Adelaide as of 1 January 2023.
6. There are approximately 35,336 commercial off-street car parking spaces within the City and North Adelaide as of 23 July 2026. This includes car parks and car parks associated with development and office buildings. The City of Adelaide owns and operates UPark off-street car parks representing approximately 6,000 plus off-street paid car parking spaces.
7. The change in the number of off-street car parking spaces is based on new development, residential dwellings and changes to land use, generally resulting in additional parking spaces or the existing number of parking spaces being maintained.
8. The following increases are an example of planned increases to on-street and off-street parking in the City and North Adelaide in the financial year 2026/27
 - 8.1. As part of the Central Market Redevelopment 260 off-street car parks have been temporarily relocated and substituted by an open-lot car park, UPark Andrews at the Old Bus Station site. The 260 parking spaces will be reinstated once the market redevelopment is complete.
 - 8.2. An additional 1,300 space car park to service the new Women's and Children's hospital site is currently under construction.
 - 8.3. An increase in temporary non-ancillary car parking to provide public car parking.

- 8.4. On-street parking spaces are subject to increased demand for residential parking permits and changes to parking conditions subject to works associated with street upgrades and greening.
9. Adelaide has a significantly higher availability of parking spaces compared to other Australian capital cities.
- 9.1. Capital City Parking Comparison:
- 9.1.1. Adelaide - 25 Spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.2. Perth – 18.3 spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.3. Hobart - 20 spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.4. Melbourne - 14.2 spaces per 100 workers
 - 9.1.5. Sydney - 12 spaces per 100 workers.
- 9.2. The average cost of on-street parking in Australian capital cities varies. Adelaide, in comparison, has cheaper on-street parking fees (per hour) than Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth and Canberra
- 9.3. The average cost of off-street parking in Australian capital cities varies. Adelaide, in comparison, has cheaper off-street parking fees (per hour) than Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane with only Canberra charging similar / lower off-street parking rates.

Capital City	On-Street (per hour)	Off-Street (per hour)
Adelaide CBD	\$3.00 per hour meter rates	\$4.00 to \$5.00 per hour for short stays
Sydney CBD	\$7.00 to \$9.00	15.00 to \$28.00+ per hour (often capped at daily rates around \$77–\$81)
Brisbane CBD	\$3.45 to \$6.85	\$5.00 to \$10.00 per hour , with daily maximums hitting a national high of roughly \$78 to \$83
Melbourne CBD	\$4.00 to \$7.00	\$6.00 to \$15.00 per hour for the first couple of hours.
Perth CBD	\$5.40 to \$7.00	\$6.00 to \$8.00 per hour for casual short-term stays
Canberra (Civic)	\$4.00 meter rates average	\$3.00 to \$5.00

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Councillor Martin - QoN - City Growth

Tuesday, 28 July 2026
Council

Council Member
Councillor Phillip Martin

Public

Contact Officer:
Anthony Spartalis, Chief Operating
Officer

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Phillip Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration confirm that income received by the City of Adelaide has increased by \$65 million dollars a year in the term of the current Council and, in relation to any additional revenue;

1. What is the proportion of the that revenue driven by CPI or other inherent cost escalations
2. What has been the increase in the same period in residential rate growth, business rate growth or growth in any other rateable category
3. What is the estimated cost of delivering maintenance, services and facilities to accommodate this growth and
4. Based on the experience since the end of 2022, what is the Administration's best estimate of the number of residents and businesses in the City of Adelaide by 2026?'

REPLY

1. Income received by the City of Adelaide has not increased by \$65 million dollars a year in the term of the current Council. It has increased by \$54.296m – from \$215.485m to \$269.781m – during that period (2022/23 – 2026/27). It should be noted that the increase has been incremental annually, over a range of different factors. Figures below:

	Actual 2022/23	Actual 2023/24	Actual 2024/25	Q3 Forecast 2025/26	Budget 2026/27
Revenue					
Rates	124,957	135,538	144,084	154,908	165,626
Fees & Charges	79,076	90,033	88,578	92,755	98,334
Grants	7,696	8,638	6,820	6,892	4,717
Other Income	3,756	4,199	3,708	1,309	1,104
Total Revenue	215,485	238,408	243,190	255,864	269,781
% Change		10.6%	2.0%	5.2%	5.4%
Expenses					
Employee Costs	72,478	77,786	80,062	91,249	97,796
Materials, Contracts, etc	87,226	96,247	92,246	90,907	98,155
Depreciation	53,137	55,008	60,332	62,751	66,075
Finance Costs	952	891	1,075	2,416	2,779
Total Expenses	213,793	229,932	233,715	247,323	264,805
% Change		7.5%	1.6%	5.8%	7.1%
Operating Surplus	1,692	8,476	9,475	8,541	4,976

2. What is the proportion of the that revenue driven by CPI or other inherent cost escalations?
 - 2.1. Revenue has increased by 25.2% across the current Council term, equivalent to an average increase of approximately 6% per annum. This increase reflects a combination of factors, including:
 - 2.1.1. Annual rate revenue increases (based on CPI);
 - 2.1.2. Growth in the number of rateable properties;
 - 2.1.3. Budget repair measures adopted by Council (to lift investment in assets given the previous under-investment noted by ESCOSA in its February 2025 advice (illustrative example from the ESCOSA advice: "Over the 10 years to 2022-23, the Council accumulated an operating deficit of \$24.6 million and an annual average ARFR of 73.9 per cent, signifying an underspend on asset renewals."));
 - 2.1.4. Increases in the volume of fees and charges collected; and
 - 2.1.5. Growth in other revenue sources.
 - 2.2. Over the same period, cumulative CPI growth is estimated at 21.3%. As Council income is derived from multiple revenue streams, it is not possible to precisely attribute a proportion of the total increase solely to CPI or inherent cost escalation factors.
 - 2.3. Note that adding 3.8% property growth recorded in the period 2022/23 – 2026/27 to the 21.3% CPI increase over the same period essentially accounts for the 25.2% revenue increase noted in 2.1 above. That is – revenue growth has effectively comprised CPI increase plus property growth.
3. What has been the increase in the same period in residential rate growth, business rate growth or growth in any other rateable category?
 - 3.1. Revenue raised from residential rates increased from \$29.4 million in 2022/23 financial year to a projected \$40.4 million in the 2026/27 financial year, representing growth of \$11 million (37.4%).
 - 3.2. Revenue raised from business rates increased from \$89.6 million in 2022/23 financial year to a projected \$118.5 million in the 2026/27 financial year, representing growth of \$28.9 million (32.3%).
4. What is the estimated cost of delivering maintenance, services and facilities to accommodate this growth?
 - 4.1. Operating expenditure is projected to increase by 23.9% across the Council term, from \$216.793 million in 2022/23 to \$264.805 million in 2026/27.
 - 4.2. This increase reflects a range of factors including inflationary pressures, employee costs (through Enterprise Agreement and service changes), contracted services, utility costs, asset maintenance

requirements and growth-related service demand. Over the same period, cumulative CPI growth is estimated at 21.3%.

- 4.3. It is not possible to identify accurately the separate proportion of operating expenditure directly attributable to growth in resident and business numbers, as Council services and infrastructure support the broader community and visitor population.
5. Based on the experience since the end of 2022, what is the Administration's best estimate of the number of residents and businesses in the City of Adelaide by 2026?
 - 5.1. Based on Council's rateable property records, the number of residential properties has increased from 16,712 in 2022/23 to 17,350 in 2026/27, representing growth of 638 (3.8%).
 - 5.2. The number of non-residential properties has increased from 10,013 in 2022/23 to 10,393 in 2026/27, representing growth of 380 (also 3.8%).
 - 5.3. Based on Forecast.id population estimates, the resident population of the City of Adelaide increased from 26,314 residents at 30 June 2022 to 30,173 residents at 30 June 2025, representing growth of 3,859 residents (14.7%) over the period. The resident population is forecast to increase to approximately 31,000 residents by 2027.
 - 5.4. Based on Forecast.id business data, the number of registered businesses in the City of Adelaide increased from 12,246 businesses at 30 June 2022 to 12,975 businesses at 30 June 2025, representing growth of 729 businesses (6.0%) over the period.

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